Chapter I

PANGASINAN PHONICS

I. The Alphabet

1. VOWELS:

There are 4 vowels in Pangasinan (Pa -nga-sin-án), viz. *A, E, I* and *O* or *U*. These two are pronounced something in-between Latin *O* and *U*, although sometimes the sound seems more the one than the other.

In the old Spanish way of writing, *O* and *U* are also used instead of the semivowel *W*.

2. CONSONANTS:

There are 14 native consonants: *B, D, G, K, L, M,* N, *NG, P, R, S, T, W, Y*. These two last ones are often called semivowels; but for spelling and pronunciation purposes we will regard them always as consonants.

H, Ly, Ny, Ts and initial *R* are used in borrowed words.

In the Spanish way of writing, besides the misspelling of OA and UA instead of WA, CA and CO are used instead of KA — KO; QUE — QUI instead of KE — KI; GUE — GUI instead of GE — GI.

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